

Out of the Wreck

I built me a handsome shack, and painted it out and in, the color scheme green and black; 'twas roofed with the best of tin. My heart swelled with honest pride; my cottage was smooth and fine; I laughed as I stood beside my figtree and pumpkin vine. Then came a tornado wild and fugged that house around, and on me its fragments piled and flattened me to the ground. I crawled from the ruins then, my hair full of glass and tin, and sprung, in the view of men, my patented duplex ring. I said to the scowling skies, "You've taken a fall from me, but out of the wreck I rise—I'm still in the ring, you see." While others indulged in screams, and wept in the cyclone's track, I gathered my joists and beams and built me another shack. While others deplored their loss, and put up a line of wails, I searched for my household joys and gathered my rusty nails. Again by my figtree tall, again by my pumpkin vine, I look from my cottage wall, and the prospect's strictly fine. No man on the dump heap lies who says, when misfortunes frown, "Oh, out of the wreck I rise—there's nothing can hold me down!"

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SEVERAL SMALL FIRES.

Houses, Store and Automobile Damaged.

Fire of unknown origin in a vacant house at 1704 V street this morning shortly after 2 o'clock alarmed occupants of nearby property. The fire had gained considerable headway before it was discovered. The damage amounted to \$500.

Two hours later a fire in a grocery store in the building of Michael DeMarco, 2232 Georgia avenue, did slight damage to the stock. The origin is unknown.

Fire in two houses in the 1400 block of South Capitol street yesterday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock did \$150 damage. Charles King occupies one house, while Maggie Johnson is the occupant of the other. It is believed the fire was caused by spontaneous combustion.

An automobile owned by C. W. Huske, 327 Wyoming avenue, caught fire yesterday afternoon near 18th street and Colorado avenue and was damaged to the amount of \$30.

Damage to the amount of \$1,500 resulted from a fire that occurred in the house of Charles H. Harris, 1740 N street northwest, yesterday morning about 8 o'clock. An overheated stove was the cause.

TALKS ON BIBLICAL SITES.

Prof. Robinson Addresses the Washington Classical Club.

"Classical and Biblical Sites in Asia Minor" were the subjects of an illustrated lecture by Prof. David M. Robinson of Johns Hopkins University at the first meeting of the season of the Washington Classical Club, held Saturday afternoon at Friends School. Prof. Robinson commented upon the fact that archeology is frequently confirming biblical phrases and statements which the skeptical at one time questioned.

The club elected its officers for the year as follows: President, Prof. Charles S. Smith, vice president, Rev. Henry J. Shandelle, S. J.; Dr. Wilbur F. Dales, Dr. W. A. Eckels and Miss Mary Bechtel; secretary-treasurer, Miss Mary Bechtel; corresponding secretary, Miss Mildred Dean; executive committee, Dr. Helen L. Webster, Prof. George J. Cummings and Miss Edith M. Clark.

Preaches on "Fraternalism."

"Fraternalism" was the subject of a sermon by Rev. George W. Van Fossen last night to members of La Fayette Lodge, No. 19, F. A. A. M., in Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, 3d and C streets northwest. A large number of Masons of other lodges were also in attendance. A musical program, under the direction of Prof. Oscar Franklin Comstock, was given.

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MOVEMENT TO ASSIST HOSPITAL AT TOKIO

President Wilson and Mrs. Galt to Attend Meeting at Memorial Continental Hall.

All arrangements have been completed for the big meeting which is to be held this afternoon at 5 o'clock in Memorial Continental Hall in the interest of St. Luke's International Hospital at Tokio, Japan. President Wilson, his fiancée, Mrs. Norman Galt, the members of the cabinet and the women of their families, the Japanese ambassador and Countess Chinda and other notable are to be present. Cards of admission to the hall may be obtained before 4 o'clock this afternoon at the home of Miss Kibbey, 2025 Massachusetts avenue.

Bishop Harding to Preside.

Bishop Harding will preside at the meeting, notwithstanding the fact that the Episcopal church is backing the movement to aid the hospital, it will serve when completed, and the units so far in operation are now serving, alike rich and poor, Japanese and foreigner, irrespective of creed. Emperor of Japan has given \$25,000 and other distinguished Japanese have contributed an additional \$50,000. Americans have contributed \$79,000, and there are pledges which bring the total subscribed sums up to \$230,000. The complete hospital is to cost \$500,000.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the occasion includes Mrs. Arthur T. Brice, Mrs. W. C. Bralsted, Mrs. Thomas Ewing, Mrs. Henry W. Fitch, Mrs. James C. Frazer, Mrs. Charles C. Glover, Mrs. Charles S. Hamilton, Mrs. Hoes, Mrs. M. C. Macomb, Mrs. Albert Mills, Miss Marian Oliver, Mrs. Mahlon Pitney, Mrs. Samuel Spencer, Mrs. Walter Tuckerman and Miss Kibbey.

List of Patronesses.

The patronesses are the women of the cabinet, Miss Wilson, the daughter of the president; Mrs. Breckinridge, Mrs. Roosevelt, Mrs. Vrooman. Among the box holders are Mrs. Samuel Spencer, Mrs. John C. Boyd, Mrs. A. H. Snow, Mrs. William C. Rives, Bishop Harding, Mrs. Victor Kauffmann and Mrs. Gibson Fahnestock.

Mrs. Charles Rodman Pancoast of Philadelphia and Dr. Rudolf B. Tustler, who have been identified with the work of the hospital and who have recently returned from Japan will address the meeting.

The French Wounded Emergency Fund announces that all goods can be now sent either to the headquarters of the fund, 34 Lowndes sq., London, or to a newly established Paris depot, c/o Mrs. Hendry, through the American clearing house. Signed, Albert Gray, K. C., chairman.—Advertisement.

G. W. U. ACQUIRES BUILDING.

Remodeling 2017 G Street for Classroom Purposes.

George Washington University has acquired the building at 2017 G street northwest, east of the present arts and sciences headquarters. The acquisition of the new property was necessitated by the rapid growth of the institution. The structure is now being remodeled for classroom purposes.

The building was purchased from Elmer H. Catlin, who until recently occupied it. The consideration has been paid in public. This makes the second addition to the property of the university within the last two years, the former purchase being the house at 2025 G street northwest.

The newly acquired building is expected to be ready for occupancy the latter part of February or March. Various members of the faculty are aiding in planning its arrangement and lighting.

OPEN HOUSE AT Y. W. C. A. AT CHRISTMAS IS PLANNED

Interesting Program of Games and Carols Is Being Arranged by the Committee.

Extensive preparations are being made at the Y. W. C. A. for its Christmas celebration, which will include an "open house" on that day from 3 until 9 o'clock. A program embracing games, Christmas carols to be sung by the chorale club, story telling and refreshments is to be given, with the members' council as the hostesses. The committee in charge of the affair is composed of Misses Mary Howarth, Mary Pinnock and Mabel Nelson Thurston, a member of the board of directors of the Y. W. C. A.

The class in food values, which has been meeting at the association, has completed its course, and a new class studying the subject is to be organized after 9 o'clock this afternoon at the home of who has been director of the Y. W. C. A. cafeteria, at 7th and B streets north, for the past two years, is to resign to become general secretary of a Y. W. C. A. in another city.

Miss M. A. Finney is to speak at a meeting of the Volunteer Workers' Club tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. The Mount Pleasant Chapter is to present "The Wayside Stopped" Wednesday evening for the benefit of the association. The Princeton Chapter is to hold "market day" Saturday. The current events class is to meet at 7:30 o'clock the same evening.

Christmas vesper services with special music are to be held December 19 at 4:30 o'clock. The classes are to take a recess from December 22 until 1 o'clock. Vesper services are to be held at 4:30 o'clock December 26.

SPENT \$10,000 FOR CHARITY.

St. Vincent de Paul's Work Is Shown in Annual Reports.

Annual reports submitted last night at a general meeting at Carroll Hall of the St. Vincent de Paul Society show that more than \$10,000 was expended the past year for charitable purposes. Clothing, food, groceries, shoes, medicine and the payment of rent and burial of those dying penniless were some of the charities for which funds were appropriated.

Miss Elizabeth G. Fox, superintendent of the Visiting Nurse Society, told of the work of visiting nurses. Rev. Father Gaffney, O. P., spiritual director of the Holy Name Society, spoke on the life of Frederick Ozanam, founder of the society. Benediction of the blessed sacrament was given by Mr. William T. Russell.

National Health Week Ends.

National health week came to a close yesterday with a number of pastors of the churches here making special reference to tuberculosis at morning and evening services.

Mrs. Harper Elected President.

Mrs. Robert Harper was elected president for the ensuing year at the annual meeting of the women's auxiliary of the University of Pennsylvania Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Charles W. Richardson. Plans for the future were discussed.

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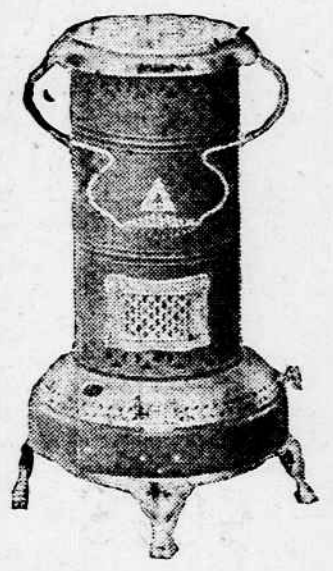
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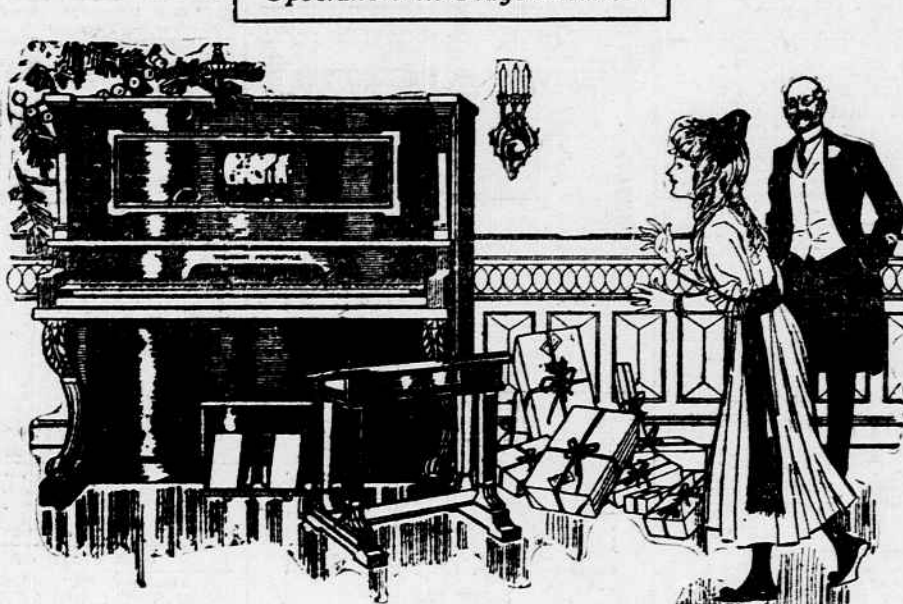
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